

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

ABSTRACT**Abstract**

~~The invention relates to a~~ A vacuum gripper for suctioning work pieces, having a vacuum connection, a flexible suction body and a suction body holder, where the side of the suction body facing the work piece has a sealing lip bounding a vacuum chamber, and the vacuum chamber is connected to the vacuum connection, ~~where the~~. The suction body has a contact surface abutting the work pieces with prevailing vacuum in the vacuum chamber ~~and the~~. The contact surface is provided with elements, where the elements ~~are~~ have a rod or pin-shaped configuration and form a microstructure.